REMINDER FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS
There is a prediction for snow over the weekend, so it’s a good time to remind you that only President John LaRosa can declare SUNY Downstate (the entire institution) closed due to inclement weather. However, the separate colleges (for Medicine, Dean Feigelson) or individual course directors may cancel classes due to inclement weather. To learn about the status of classes, check the SUNY Downstate website, or listen to the school closing announcements on the TV and radio, or contact the general telephone operator for SUNY Downstate.

SECRETARY’S AWARD FOR INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION
The US Dept. of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, in collaboration with the Federation of Associations of Schools of Health Professions announces this year’s competition for student papers that describe innovative health promotion or disease prevention projects.

Both single discipline and interdisciplinary awards will be made. An interdisciplinary project focuses on an approach in which students from two or more disciplines collaborate with the goal of fostering interprofessional interactions that improve the health of the individual patient or community and enhance the practice of each discipline.

Awards for single discipline: 1st place $3,500; 2nd place $2,500; 3rd place $1,500. Interdisciplinary awards: 1st place $7,500; 2nd place $5,000; 3rd place $3,000.
Flyer in glass bulletin board. Application form in the Office of Student Affairs. Deadline for submission back to the Office of Student Affairs by Monday, January 14, 2002 as there is a s campus submission process.

HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE – NIH RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM (Cloister Program)
Most students participate as Research Scholars after their 2nd or 3rd year of medical school. Prior research experience may be advantageous but is not required. You select your preceptor and research project after your acceptance into the program. Students chosen as HHMI-NIH Research Scholars (about 40 are selected each year – we have had students chosen for this program) will work at the NIH for approximately one year, beginning July 15 and August 31. The salary for one year is $17,800. Moving expenses and subsidized, on-campus housing are also part of the program. A limited number of application packets are available from the Office of Student Affairs. Or, you can request one from the web [www.hhmi.org/cloister]. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is January 10, 2002.

The NIH is going to send a representative to give a presentation on-campus housing are also part of the program. A limited number of application packets are available from the Office of Student Affairs. Or, you can request one from the web [www.hhmi.org/cloister]. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is January 10, 2002.

AMERICAN OSLER SOCIETY WILLIAM B. BEAN STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD
The American Osler Society announces the availability of an award for support of research in the broad areas of medical history and medical humanism. Candidates must be currently matriculated and the successful applicant may be eligible to present a paper at the annual meeting. The stipend will be $1000 and up to $700 additional may be made available to support travel to the annual meeting. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Submission deadline is March 15, 2002.

The CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM AT NIH is designed for students who have completed one year of clinical rotations (after MS 3 year). “At a time when translational research – moving results from bench to bedside – is a priority on the national research agenda, this program translates this goal into action through its emphasis on educating physician-scientists for the coming generation. 15 students are selected each year. Application deadline is January 15, 2002. One information packet in the Office of Student Affairs. The entire application process is conducted online at www.training.nih.gov/crtp.

DORIS DUKE CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
The Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship Program provides one-year fellowships to medical students who have completed at least two or more years of medical school, to spend an extra year in one of 7 medical school to receive both didactic and hands-on mentored clinical research training.

Fellows will receive stipends of $20,000 plus health insurance to spend a year conducting clinical research and receiving didactic training.

Medical students interested in applying to begin fellowships on July 2002 must send their applications directly to the participating medical schools. Program information and access to the CRF Foundation Form that must be submitted with all applications can be accessed at (http://ddcf.aibs.org/crf2000/index.asp). Applications are due on January 15th, 2002 and the first fellows will be accepted on March 15th, 2002. However, individual schools may decide to accept applications and award fellowships after these dates.

Additional program information including links to each school's program web site is listed on our web site at http://ddcf.aibs.org.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE (AAHM) 2002 OSLER MEDAL ESSAY CONTEST

SHOSHAHAN TRACHTENBERG FRACKMAN ESSAY PROGRAM
$500 cash prize for the best essay devoted to the physician-patient relationship. The essay should not be more than 25000 words, about 10 double-spaced pages. Entries must be received by January 15, 2002. Poster in the glass bulletin board.

JOHN CONLEY MEDICAL ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST
The winning essayists will share a $5000 cash prize and see their work published in MSJAMA, which appears monthly as a part of JAMA. This year’s essay topic concerns medical ethics and genital mutilation. Rules are posted on: [www.msjama.org]. The submission deadline is February 15, 2002.

THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE
The NY Academy of Medicine has published their calendar for January-march, 2002 which includes sessions on such topics as: the evolution of the stethoscope, acupuncture and electro-therapeutics, abdominal imaging, bioterrorism, molecular aspects of breast cancer, radiation therapy in the treatment of prostate cancer, palliative care and the elderly, forensic psychiatry in the workplace, the burning of Honolulu's Chinatown, gynecological issues in older women, ultrasound and women's health, West Nile virus, cardiovascular imaging, cell and tissue engineering, traditional medicine in Africa, brain cancer. View the calendar on-line at www.nyam.org/events/calendar.shtml. The March 2002 issue of the Journal of Urban Health features the topic "Firearms and Violence" with a special editorial and commentary concerning the events on and following September 11.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE ELECTIVES

The National Library of Medicine offers a “Clinical Elective in Medical Informatics.” Flyer in the glass bulletin board. They also offer training and research programs. Flyer in glass bulletin board or see www.nlm.nih.gov.

AOA HELEN H. GLASER STUDENT ESSAY AWARD

The AOA Student Essay Award is to encourage medical students to address general topics in medicine. Cash prizes of $2000, $750, $500 and $250 are awarded. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2002. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

SENIOR YEAR STUDENT ELECTIVES

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center announce the opportunity to join the Pain and Palliative Care Service in the Dept. of Neurology for the one month elective, “Analgesics, Pain Management, and Palliative Medicine” The elective website is www.mskcc.org/medical_professionals/medicalstudents.cfm. The Univ. of Utah is offering an elective in backcountry medicine. The Advanced Wilderness Life Support certification is awarded to the students. The four week course is taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from April 2-18, 2002. The purpose is to decrease the number of injuries and deaths that occur in the backcountry by certifying physicians and medical students in the prevention, treatment and evacuation techniques for common injuries and illnesses that occur in the back country. The practical skills session may be taken in Salt Lake or in Moab on the Colorado River. For questions, go to www.wmutah.org.

DID YOU DO SOMETHING NICE IN SUMMER, 2001?

If you are a second year medical student and you did research or some other educationally related experience this summer, do not forget to have your preceptor/supervisor send a letter describing your experience (what you did) and how you performed to the Student Affairs Office (Box 85) for inclusion in your academic file. The letter should be addressed to me. This can be included in your Dean’s Letter for residency application at a later date. The letter must be from your preceptor/attending, not from you, in order to be included in your Dean’s Letter.

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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have a question and don’t know where to go for an answer, or have a concern, please remember that you can send ccMail inquiries to Dr. Lorraine Terracina, Dr. Henry Flax or Ms. Sophie Christoforou. Dr. Flax, Dr. Terracina and Ms. Christoforou are also available for individual appointments. To schedule an individual appointment with Dr. Flax or Dr. Terracina, call 270-2187. To schedule an appointment with Ms. Christoforou, call 270-1107. If you have a question, don’t be afraid to ask!

Glass Bulletin Board Items

(First floor, next to Room 111, Basic Science Bldg.)

Note: Sometimes, various programs send their notices of programs and opportunities too late to appear in that month’s newsletter. If the deadline for the program is before the next newsletter will be published, the information will still be posted in the glass bulletin board. Therefore, periodically check the bulletin board for such late announcements.

The MD Anderson Cancer Center offers a Summer Research Program for Medical Students in Houston, Texas from June 3-August 8, 2002. The program provides firsthand biomedical research experience in basic or clinical sciences. The stipend is $2500 for a 10 week period. Housing is usually available. Application deadline is February 8, 2002. Brochure in the Office of Summer Affairs.

The Mayo Clinic provides Summer Clinical Preceptorships for minority students following MS 1 for June 9-28, 2002; Summer Research Fellowships for students following MS 1 or MS 2 starting June 3 or 10, 2002; a Career Development Conference following MS 2 on June 15-20, 2002, and visiting medical student clerkships. Brochures in the Office of Summer Affairs.

New York Academy of Medicine 2002 Summer Grants

(www.nyam.org)

Glorney-Raisbeck Medical Student Grants in Cardiovascular Research provides 3 grants, each with a student stipend of $2500 and an additional $500 in support of the laboratory/department in which the student will work. Application process described in a brochure available from the Office of Summer Affairs. Application deadline is March 4, 2002.

Louis L. Seaman Medical Student Grants in Microbiology provides 4 grants, each with a student stipend of $2500 for a 10 week summer research project in the field of Microbiology. Application process described in a brochure available from the Office of Summer Affairs. Application deadline is March 4, 2002.

Ferdinand C. Valence Medical Student Grants in Urology provides 4 grants, each with a student stipend of $2500 for 10 week research projects. Application process described in a brochure available from the Office of Summer Affairs. Application deadline is March 4, 2002.

USP (U.S. Pharmacopeia) Summer Internship program offers medical students who have completed at least one year of medical school the opportunity to spend 12 weeks working on a defined project in one of the following areas: global assistance initiatives, research and development lab, reference standards operations, practitioner & product experience, information and standards development. Internships are from May 20-August 16, 2002. The total stipend is $8,500. Application is available at www.usp.org. More information is available from Fellows/Interns@usp.org. Application deadline is February 1, 2002.

The 2002 Pisacano Scholarship forms are available online at www.fpleaders.org. The application deadline is March 1, 2002.

The Vanderbilt Medical Student Research in Diabetes and Endocrinology for Summer, 2002 allows medical students to conduct independent research during the summer between the first and second year, or between the second and third year of medical school. Each student receives a stipend and limited travel support for the 10-12 week program. Information flyer in glass bulletin board. For additional information and application, http://medschool.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vdc/html/Train_summer.html Application deadline February 22, 2002.
Memorial Sloan-Kettering announces its 2002 Summer Student Fellowship Program to encourage interest in the field of oncology. 25, $5000 fellowships are available to medical students in their first two years of study. The program is 8 weeks. Interested students should visit the website after February 1, 2002 where they will find application materials and instructions. Information flyer in glass bulletin board. Website address is: www.mskcc.org/medical_professionals/medicalstudents.cfm. Application deadline is March 1, 2002.

Child Family Health International promotes primary care, integrative medicine and Spanish literacy through clinical electives in Ecuador, India and Mexico. They offer a "Medical Student Exchange Program" and more information at their website www.cfhi.org. Elective in Costa Rica is a 4 week program (June 30-July 27, 2002) for medical students who have completed at least one year of medical school. Instruction is in English. Enrollment is limited to 20 students so early application before May 1, 2002 is recommended. The cost is $900 plus $750 room and board. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, see www.Isuhsc.edu/micr/COURSES/crcourse.htm. Application deadline is March 1, 2002.

The Soros Service Program for Community Health (SSPCH) Clinical Clerkship Program provides third and fourth year medical students with the opportunity to pursue an interest in community health through an intensive 4 week rotation in a community based health center. The program selects up to 3 students per month for rotations in New York or Baltimore. Application deadline is 45 days before your proposed start date. Information sheet in the Office of Student Affairs. For more information, see www.soros.org/medicine.

The Betty Ford Center Summer Institute for Medical Students is a 5 day program at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, CA. A total of 60 scholarships will be awarded for one of the following session dates: June 10-14; June 24-28; July 8-12; July 22-26; August 5-9. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, go to www.bettyfordcenter.org and click on "Professional Education." Application deadline is March 15, 2002.

The 13th International Course in Tropical Medicine's Summer Elective in Costa Rica is a 4 week program (June 30-July 27, 2002) for medical students who have completed at least one year of medical school. Instruction is in English. Enrollment is limited to 20 students so early application before May 1, 2002 is recommended. The cost is $900 plus $750 room and board. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, see www.lsuhs.edu/micr/COURSES/crcourse.htm.

The Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth is looking for medical students for the position of Health Assistant. The Health Assistant is responsible for maintaining medical records of up to 400 children, escorting children to clinics and emergency rooms, helping to administer prescribed medications and basic first aid to students. The session dates are June 17-July 13 and July 10-august 6. For an application see www.jhu.edu/gifted/ctsummer. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

The Medlennium, a student publication of the University of South Florida College of Medicine is accepting submissions for their Spring, 2002 issue. Creative writing, art and photography are eligible and over $1000 in prizes will be awarded to winning entries. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, see www.med.usf.edu/medstud/medlennium. Submission deadline is March 1, 2002.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering is advertising the Louis and Rachel Rudin Scholar awards available for 1-2 months full or part-time work over the school year in the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Services. Tutorial experience is given in 4 areas. Flyer in the glass bulletin board.

The Scaife Family Foundation announces the National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to be held June 2-6, 2002 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. 15 scholarships are awarded to medical students interested in specialized training in alcohol and other drug abuse treatment at the National Institute. There is a $395 scholarship that covers tuition, on-campus room and board, plus a $200 stipend to help defray travel expenses. Flyer in the glass bulletin board.

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AFAR (American Federation for Aging Research) Grant Announcements Flyer in glass bulletin board. Application materials can be obtained from www.afar.org or emailing amfedaging@aol.com.

John A. Hartford/AFAR Medical Student Geriatric Scholars Program awards short term scholarships through a national competition. The program provides an opportunity for medical students to train at acclaimed centers of excellence in geriatrics. Each student receives a $4000 stipend. Application deadline February 7, 2002.

Glenn Foundation/AFAR Scholarships for Research in the Biology of Aging provides MD students with the opportunity to conduct a 3 month research project. Students will work in an area of biomedical research in aging under the auspices of a mentor. Up to
30 scholarships of $5000 will be awarded. Application deadline February 26, 2002.

**Merck/AFAR Research Scholarships in Geriatric Pharmacology for Medical and Pharmacy Students** was created to develop a corps of physicians and pharmacists with an understanding of medication use in the elderly. You will have the opportunity to undertake a 2-3 month full time research project in geriatric pharmacology. Up to nine, $4000 scholarships will be awarded. Application deadline January 22, 2002.

### AMSA Programs

SUNY Downstate does not provide any financial assistance for students to participate in the following programs.

The **Washington Health Policy Fellowship Program** runs from June 17-August 2, 2002, for 15 selected students with an interest in health and social policy and advocacy. AMSA provides a stipend to cover living expenses. Application deadline is April 5, 2002. To apply, go to [www.amsa.org/hp/whlpf.cfm](http://www.amsa.org/hp/whlpf.cfm). Flyer in glass bulletin board.

The **Fellowship Program on Health Services** runs from June 17-August 2, 2002 for 10 selected students to explore health delivery issues including issues affecting underserved populations. AMSA provides a stipend to cover living expenses. Application deadline is April 5, 2002. Flyer in glass bulletin board. To apply, go to [www.amsa.org/programs/mcfp/mcfp.html](http://www.amsa.org/programs/mcfp/mcfp.html).

The **National AIDS Fund Fellowship Program** enables select medical students to work in partnership with their communities to develop HIV testing, education, and prevention programs. This is a 6-8 week summer program or a 4 week elective option for fourth year students. A stipend is provided. Flyer in glass bulletin board. To apply, go to [www.amsa.org/programs/aids.html](http://www.amsa.org/programs/aids.html).

The **Breast Cancer Fellowship Program** places 10 medical students in community health settings to provide breast cancer education and prevention services. This is a 6-8 week summer program or a 4 week elective option for fourth year students. A stipend is provided. Flyer in glass bulletin board. To apply, go to [www.amsa.org/programs/breastcancer.cfm](http://www.amsa.org/programs/breastcancer.cfm).

The **Community & Public Health Institute** (PLI) will be offered April 5-7, 2002. We can nominate one student from our school to attend. The purpose of the institute is to introduce students to the field of public health and the important role it plays in the delivery of healthcare. Application form in the Office of Student Affairs. Contact person is Jason Block, AMSA Community/Public Health Standing Committee Chair at jblock@tulane.edu. Application form and information sheet in the Office of Student Affairs.

### The American Medical Women's Association

Sponsors a number of programs for women medical students. Flyers in the glass bulletin board.

**Medical Education Loans** of $2000-$2500 per year. Application deadline April 30, 2002.

**Wilhelm-Frankowski Community Service Scholarship** of $4,000. Application deadline April 30, 2002.

**Bed and Breakfast program** (see glass bulletin board)